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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/734,692	Applicant(s) STASHENKO ET AL.	
	Examiner GYAN CHANDRA	Art Unit 1646	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,26-29 and 31-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,26-29 and 31-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's response filed on 1/09/2008 is acknowledged and fully considered.

Status of Application, Amendments, And/Or Claims

The amendments of claims 1, 26-29 and 31-33 and the cancellation of claim 2 and 30 have been made of record.

Claims 1, 26-29 and 31-33 are pending and under examination.

Response to Arguments

Claim Objections/Rejections – withdrawn

Claim Objections

The objection of claim 1 is withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment of claim 1 to include sequence identifier number for OC14 (i.e., SEQ ID NO: 50).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The rejection of claims 1, and 25-26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Choi, Y. (US Pub. No. 2003/0186297) is withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendments of claim 1 which now includes the limitation "wherein the activity of said gene is decreased by at least 10%".

Claim Rejections - maintained

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112-written description

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1, and 26-33 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for the reasons of record on pages 3-7 of the previous Office Action mailed on 7/09/2007.

Applicants argue (page 5 of Response) that the instant invention is not limited to a specific compound and argue that the invention is drawn to a method of inhibiting osteoclast-mediated bone resorption by inhibiting OC14 gene. Applicants argue that the specification (pages 1-2 and 49) discloses methods for inhibiting osteoclast mediated bone resorption. Applicants provide a post filing art Battaglino et al (Bone, 42: 180-182, 2008) to support that SiRNA technology could be used to inhibit osteoclast differentiation and resorption activity.

Applicants' arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because the specification does not disclose any compound selected from the group consisting of a fusion protein, a polypeptide, a peptidomimetic, an antisense polynucleotide, a prodrug, an antibody, a small molecule inhibitor or a ribozyme that inhibits OC14 gene activity and leads to inhibition of osteoclast-mediated bone resorption. The specification on pages 1-2 discloses, in general, how one of the skill in the art could use an antibody to inhibit a protein activity or use a compound to inhibit gene expression, but the specification does not disclose any compound selected from said group, which when administered to a subject or model inhibits said activity of OC14 of SEQ ID NO: 50 at least 10% and results in osteoclast-mediated bone resorption. Regarding applicants' arguments that the reference Battaglino et al teaches the SiRNA technology that can be used for inhibiting osteoclast-mediated bone resorption is

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persuasive but the arguments are not relevant to the instant rejection because the specification at the time of filing does not disclose any compound selected from the group consisting of a fusion protein, a polypeptide, a peptidomimetic, an antisense polynucleotide, a prodrug, an antibody, a small molecule inhibitor or a ribozyme, which can inhibit the activity of OC14 at least 10% that results in reduction of osteoclast-mediated bone resorption. Therefore, the rejection is maintained.

Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GYAN CHANDRA whose telephone number is (571)272-2922. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Nickol can be reached on (571) 272-0835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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